



The Rooster

Roos Village Newsletter

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Roos Parish Council Meeting on 11th November

Attendance

Cllrs Cheeseman, Craggs, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk, Priest (Chair) and Winter. Apologies were received from Cllrs Cook and Jackson. Also attended : Cllr Stewart Willie, East Riding ward councillor for Mid-Holderness.

Minutes (14th October) : approved and signed

Arising from the Minutes

Road safety

There was concern that the promised new signs at the Aldbrough crossroads had still not been installed.

Members thought that the 30 mph limit near the school should start farther to the north. Cllr Willie explained that the Highways Department is bound to follow government guidelines : i.e. 30 mph signs are to be placed where "continuous housing" begins.

Nevertheless, it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Department recommending that :

- the 30 mph sign be moved farther from the school;
- the 40 mph restriction should be extended to include the Aldbrough crossroads;
- further safety work be undertaken at the crossroads, e.g. moving the signs farther back from the junction and installing flashing warning lights.

Development east of Main Street

Sarah Lamming, Principal Development Control Officer, had written in response to complaints about the use of the playing field track by construction vehicles. She said that the developer had right of access by the track. However, since the playing field was owned by the East Riding Council, the complaint would be forwarded to Property Services to see if a restriction could be made.

The Chairman said that, because of the complaint, the Head of Roos School had received an assurance that this access would not be used when children were about.

He had himself reported the risks to the Health and Safety Executive but so far without a reply.

Missing Rooster

There was no newsletter in November. Because of this, there is a double ration of Parish Council news this month.

Members noted that restoration of the gable of Hansa House was almost completed and therefore that access by the Greenacre site should soon be possible.

Correspondence

Roos Children's Playground Association

Mr Walter Holbrook and Miss Sharon Mullett, Chairman and Secretary of the Association, reported that, although over £6,000 had been raised, further capital was needed. Various funding bodies had been approached. Mr Holbrook was present and explained that Parish Council support would help the Association's grant applications. It was agreed to record the support of the Parish Council in principle and later to make a financial contribution on specific request.

Other correspondence

Receipt of other letters and publications was noted :

- Countryside Agency publication;
- Umbrella (passed to the Playground Association);
- East Riding Design Guide (for extensions to dwellings);
- poster about bogus callers (for parish notice board);
- newsletter of the Local Councils Association.

Accounts

Cllr D. Winter, Treasurer, reported on payments due :

- Daffodil bulbs (already planted) : 6 sacks @ £120.00.
- Poppy Appeal. Donation proposed : £50.00.

These payments were agreed.

Precept 2003 / 2004

The East Riding required the request by 1st January. Cllr Winter said that the precept for the last two years had been £1,000 but the bank account was dwindling and there might be significant expense next year : possible election costs (£750) and a donation to the Children's Playgroup Association. He proposed a precept of £3,000. This was carried on a vote : 5 for; 2 against.

Planning

Notices of decision

The following applications had been approved.

2 Main St, Roos (Toni Cherie Blenkin). Class A retail. Change of use from residential to studio (hair and beauty service, gifts and interior products).

East of Rectory Cottage, Rectory Rd (Mr P. Thompson).

Erection of detached bungalow with garage.

Planning consent not required

18 Pilmar Lane, Roos. Single-storey extension at rear.

Any Other Business

Computer Bus at Roos, 19 November. Cllr Cheeseman said that the bus could park at the Memorial Institute.

Graffiti on road signs. Cllr Craggs asked who should clean the signs. It was agreed that responsibility lay with the Highways Department and that the Clerk should inform Highways that cleaning was needed.

Meeting on 9th December 2002

Attendance

Cllrs Cheeseman, Cook, Craggs, Grant, Helliwell, Kirk, Priest (Chair) and Winter. Also attended : Cllr Stewart Willie, East Riding ward councillor for Mid-Holderness.

Minutes (Meeting of 11 November)

Matters arising from the Minutes

Aldbrough crossroads

The Parish Council had sent several recommendations to the Highways Department. The Clerk reported a response from Mr Phil Hiscott. Mr Hiscott commented as follows.

- He thought larger signs had already been installed. He would give the matter his urgent attention.
- On the approaches white lines and "rumbles" (making for a noisy surface) would be dealt with in the spring - in drier weather.
- It would not be possible to include the crossroads in the 40 mph restriction.
- It might be possible to move the 30 mph restriction a little farther north of the school - but not by much.
- Flashing warning lights on the approach (triggered by sensors) would cost £5,000 to £6,000. He asked if the Parish would be prepared to meet half the expense.

The Chairman reported that a letter dated 28 August from Mr J.McWatt, Chairman of Rimsweil Parish Council, had only just been passed to him. It supported the case for improved safety measures at the crossroads.

Cllr Grant said that the Highways Department should fulfil its promises. He added that small trees on the Aldbrough road obscured the signs on the approach to the junction. These trees should be cut back or removed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Highways Department about the above points.

Cllr Willie requested copies of the correspondence so that he could meet Mr Hiscott to discover why agreed action had not been taken. It would be appropriate for the Clerk to attend the meeting.

Freedom of Information Act

Cllr Helliwell said that at the last meeting insufficient attention had been paid to the Council's obligations. In particular there was an obligation to inform the public about the Council's scheme, the kind of information that would be available and the procedure for seeking it.

Some members thought that posting the Council Minutes on the parish notice board would be sufficient. However,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Members noted that Roos Parish Council (like all public authorities) must submit its Publication Scheme to the Information Commissioner by 31st December.

The Local Councils Association and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council had each suggested a possible model scheme. Members chose the simpler version proposed by the East Riding. The document was completed at the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

it was agreed that information about the scheme should be provided in "The Rooster". (*See article on the back page.*)

Correspondence

Outdated items only recently passed on

- Ethnic Minorities : a Guide to Local Authorities.
- Annual Police Report 2001 - 2002 (June).
- Yorkshire Wolds & Coastal NHS Trust : Report.

Drugs Awareness. Letter from Laurie Gibbons, E.R. Parenting Liaison Officer, about advice for parents.

Rural Community Transport. Seminar, Goole, 9 Jan.

Village nameplates. Replacements were needed at Tunstall. Members were asked to select a piece of road safety advice to include and chose : "Please drive slowly".

Community facilities. The Countryside Agency were conducting a nationwide survey. On behalf of the Agency the East Riding requested completion of a survey form about Roos.

Parish Paths Partnership 2003 - 2004. The Parish Paths Officer, Trevor Appleton, asked for a survey of the Roos parish paths and details for a grant application for any necessary repairs. It was agreed to pass the request to Dr Andrew Hersom, who had helped in previous years.

Accounts

Audit 2001 - 2002. The audit required by the Audit Commission had cost £63.45. Payment was approved.

Planning

Notice of decision

The Elms, Owstwick (Paul Kitchen)

Erection of farm-house and double garage and temporary siting of caravan. Approved.

Outline application

Land south of The Laurels, Pinfold Lane. (G.Ralph)

Detached dwelling and garage. Members saw no objection, provided access regulations were observed.

Any other business

Water mains. Three concrete markers at the corner of Pilmar Lane had still not been replaced. Now a fourth had been damaged adjacent to Half Way House. The Clerk was asked to write again to Yorkshire Water.

Hodgson Lane. Cllr Mrs Kirk said that the road needed resurfacing : at present there were puddles and standing water there. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department.

Burglaries. The Chairman referred to two recent burglaries at adjacent properties near the centre of the village. Residents should take precautions and report anything suspicious.

Computer Bus. 13th and 20th January. (*See below.*)

Free tasters

Information Technology Bus at Roos

The IT Bus from the East Riding College will be at The Memorial Institute, Roos, on Monday 13th January and Monday 20th, 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. Sessions are free.

This is an ideal opportunity for anyone to have a go, whether you are an experienced user or have never touched a computer before

Pam and Lisa, your Tutors, will give advice about any courses you may be interested in. Pam is based at Hornsea and Lisa at Bridlington. The third person involved is Trevor, the driver.

The bus is fully equipped with 10 computers, scanner and printers. Its local network also enables people to practise e-mail skills.

This has been made possible by cash from the European Social Fund. Both the Fund and the College are keen to get their projects out into rural areas.

Some of you may have experienced evening classes that generally need a minimum number of students to make them viable - not always possible in small communities. The College hopes to redress that problem.

The "Widening the Net" project creates access in rural areas to equipment, tutors and learning. As a pilot project it is not restricted by minimum numbers.

If you are a group and want to learn together at your own venue - give us a ring.

If you want something different - Basic Skills, Career Development or Stress Management - give us a ring

If you want to come but need support with childcare, travel or other assistance - give us a ring.

Free Phone: 0845 1200037

From our central phone number you will be connected to Anne Farley who will be able to give further information, organise support or put you in touch with Pam.



I.T. BUS OPEN DAY

at

ROOS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE

Monday 13th January 9.30am - 11.30am

Whether you are experienced or have never touched a computer before, this is an ideal opportunity to have a go or ask questions.

Computers Really Don't Byte!

For further information contact
Anne Farley at East Riding College
Free Phone 0845 1200037



Roos Parish Council

Next meeting

Monday 13th January

7.30 p.m. in The Memorial Institute

Members of the public always welcome

Christmas Services 2002

All Saints', Roos

Sunday 22 December

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer.

6.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.

Tuesday 24 December

6.30 p.m. Christingle Service.

Wednesday 25th December

10.00 a.m. Christmas Day Communion.

Celebrant: Ven. Peter Harrison,
Archdeacon of the East Riding.

St Margaret's, Hilston

Sunday 15 December

6.30 p.m. Advent Carol Service.

St Michael's, Garton

Tuesday 24 December

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Coming events

Please supply dates and details of your events.

December

Anglican Christmas services - see panel above.

January

6 Roos Cricket Club. AGM. Sports Pavilion. 7.0.

8 Roos WI. Pie & Pea Supper + Quiz. Mem. Institute. 7.30.

10 Deadline: material for "The Rooster".

13 Roos Parish Council. Memorial Institute. 7.30.

February

5 Roos WI. Transpennine Trail (Hazel Armstrong).

Roos Memorial Institute. 7.30.

10 Roos Parish Council. Roos Memorial Institute. 7.30.

23 Roos & District Horticultural Society AGM.

March

5 Roos WI. Ghosts of Beverley (Paul Schofield).

Roos Memorial Institute. 7.30.

April

5 Horticultural Society Spring Show. Memorial Institute.

July

5 Horticultural Soc. Summer Show.

Burton Pidsea Pidsea Memorial Hall.

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Diamonds are for 60 years

Fred and Peggy Burn were married on 21st November 1942 and celebrated their Diamond Wedding last month at a family party at The BlackHorse.



Fred and Peggy cutting the cake at their party on 22 November.

It was attended by five generations of their family.

The couple have a son and daughter; 6 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson.

Six weeks earlier, on 7th October, Fred celebrated his 85th birthday.

Fred : Life on the move

The youngest of ten children, Fred was born at The Cottage, Lamb Lane. His father immediately wrapped him up and carried him to North End to show to his own father, who was dying at the time and might otherwise never have set eyes on the latest addition to his dynasty.

This early experience of leaving home set a pattern for Fred's life. When he was two this father took the family to the blacksmith's shop at the corner of Pinfold Lane, later the premises of his brother, Charlie.

As soon as he left school Fred's father took him to Trinity Square in Hull to be hired as a live-in farm lad at Welwick for £10 a year (£11 if he earned it). Time off was allowed at one half day a month.

But for a short time as a builder's labourer, he spent the rest of his working life moving from farm to farm : at Dimlington, Swine, Waxholme, Humbleton Moor, Easington, and finally Fitling Hall.

Twenty years ago he and Peggy retired to live in Roos at Pilmar Lane. Fred enjoys gardening, bee-keeping and making beeswax candles in the shape of animals. Peggy looks after him - a hobby that has lasted for sixty years.

Peggy's Tale

Peggy was born in 1924 at Kilnsea, with which her family had a long connection : her great-grandmother on her mother's side ran the Crown and Anchor there.

Her grandmother, Ginny Hodgson, met and married a "foreigner", Everitt Norwood from Lincolnshire, who used to cross the river to fill gravel boats at Kilnsea.

When Peggy was five her parents moved to Hull. After leaving school she worked for W.H.Smith, making paper bags and carriers by hand for 5/- a week. The job ended because the war made it impossible to obtain the paper from Finland. She then raised her income by 50%,

looking after family members at Humbleton Moor for 7/6d a week. It was at Humbleton Moor that she met Fred. After their marriage in Hull they set up home in Easington. During the war she drove farm tractors there

The 1939 - 45 War

Before his marriage Fred was in the Home Guard at Humbleton Moor and his father was in the Fire Service at Roos. They came together for the photograph to show them doing their bit in uniform.



Grandfather Burn

The grandfather who died soon after Fred was born was Charles Crawforth Burn. He had a blacksmith's shop at North End Cottage (now owned by Mr & Mrs J.L.Beal and much renovated).

The photograph shows Crawforth Burn and his wife on the south side of the building. The enlarged versions below show their features better and they seem more like man and wife, less estranged - in the original Mrs Burn seems to be keeping at a wary distance from his hammer!



Roos School

On Thursday 28th November Cllr Rowan Blake-James, ERYC Chairman, planted an oak tree at the rear of Roos School as part of National Tree Week.



This was one of four; the others being another oak, a field maple and a rowan.

Headteacher Mrs Penny Farey was delighted that the visit of Cllr Blake-James gave a boost to the plan to develop the school grounds.

Already the site is screened by trees to the north and east. Next year more big trees will be planted but in a less formal way. The aim will be to establish relaxation areas for the children, not all of whom want to spend their time on ball games. They will be invited to design such leisure areas for themselves, possibly including a wild-flower garden.

Last year three trees were badly damaged by vandals. One of them, a mature tree at the front of the school, was chopped down to a stump. Happily, that one has already been replaced by local authority staff.

In fact, Mrs Farey is full of praise for the East Riding's grounds maintenance staff. "Roos has one most pleasant sites in the area," she said, "and they keep the grounds looking beautiful."

A jotting from G.W.Wilbraham

Window Tax

Years ago there was a tax on windows and a bricked-up window at Heathcote House in Ellarby Lane is a reminder of that tax.

7 windows : 7/- 8 : 15/- 9 : 17/6 10 : £1

(Of course, Mr Wilbraham would know that Heathcote House is in Main Street, not Ellarby Lane. Perhaps he meant Ashford House, opposite the Black Horse corner at the junction of Main Street and Ellarby Lane (i.e. Hodgson Lane). Ashford House does have a blocked-up window.)

Tokens found in Roos

Tradesmen's tokens : Aldbrough, Hull, Hedon. (What were the tokens for? Were they in effect local currency?)

The Rooster

Apology

I regret that, owing to my unavoidable absence from Roos, there was no November newsletter. I apologise that some coming events were not publicised.

Donations, 1st April to December 31st 2002

Many thanks for a recent donation from the Mr and Mrs F.Burn and for a generous contribution in kind from Mr & Mrs Alan Santos - five reams of paper. (For the sake of the accounts, I have paid the estimated value into the newsletter's bank.)

Further contributions for the year 2002 will still be very welcome - a minimum of £2.00 is suggested. The bank requires cheques to be payable to "L.Helliwell".

A summary of the newsletter's accounts for 2002 will appear in the next issue.

ROOSTER DEADLINE

Please supply materials for the next issue by

Friday 10th January

to L.Helliwell, Canwick, Lamb Lane (670291)

Advertisements

No charge is made for events run by local groups.

Personal and business advertisements :

Small ads : 5p a word. Minimum 30p.

Display : £2.00 / column inch (2 columns / page).

Roos Cricket Club

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on 6th January in the Sports Pavilion. All will be welcome.

Perks for scorers

Scorers are needed for all matches. A fee will be paid and travel and tea will be provided. For further details contact David Winter on 01964 - 670234 or 07971 - 827151.

The 2003 Season

It is intended to run two Saturday teams and new members will be welcome - particularly juniors, who will form the base for the new Second Team. For further details contact :

Peter Dearing 01482 - 440956

or David Winter 01964 - 670234.

Roos Playing Field Association

Annual General Meeting 2002

The AGM was held on 26th November in the Sports Pavilion. No report was available for this issue - but may be in the New Year.

G.W.Wilbraham : The History of Roos - 39

Development of the Enclosed Commons (continued)

This section picks up from material in "The Rooster" in issue No.79, September 2001.

Mr Wilbraham was describing buildings erected on land made available by the Roos Award of 1784. He had already dealt with most of the village and was working up Rectory Road from the south. He mentioned one cottage north of Lamb Lane and then stopped. The account now goes on as follows.

Back o'town developments (continued)

(Note : "o" = owner and "o/o" = owner-occupier.)

West Lea

1911. o/o Joe Metcalf. 1943 o John Cook, tenant H.Barr, late of Willowtoft. 1953 o/o John Cook, who rebuilt the east side to make a larger kitchen and a bathroom above.

Grasmere

A bungalow built by A.Moxon on field of Edward Wallis 0.1.20.

"Hornby's" (Now End Cottage – end of Hodgson Lane.)

T.Dixon 38 and T. Spofforth 39. Of these two the extension to the road by T.Dixon and to the same west of Spofforth brought about some development in those two crofts – which has been dealt with under AEs. West of 37 and 38 Dixon, a house was built which occupied a site at Ellarby Lane corner. To give it a name we call it Hornby's. A double-fronted house facing a long garden with greengrocer's shop and garage. It occupies a 3 rood award to T.Dixon. The latter built a house, not the present one, and was there till 1815 when R.Walgate followed till 1820.

Robert Patrick, who probably built the house, followed and farmed 13.0.38, a part of his father's holding.

The 1837 Rate Book says : o/o R.Patrick. 13.0.38. Land value £13.18. Also house and shop, value £6., tenant Henry Stephenson. House and barn. Value £2. o Robert Patrick. Tenant Henry Stephenson. House and barn value £2.

1860. Owner Edward Elam. Tenants : Arthur Lorrimar £4 and Michael Pickering, horse breaker, £3.10.

1870. Gibson Metcalf and Michael Pickering, tenants.

A subsequent tenant was Harry Brown, a builder there till he died just after the 1st World War and he was followed by Arthur Hornby, the owner being his son who has a travelling greengrocery business. The garden of this house is cut through by a footpath and the garden south of it is worked by Harold Hodgson.

Sycamore House and Corner House

(Mr Wilbraham does not give the modern house names.)

Rectory Road continues in a northerly direction. Just north of Ellarby Lane (i.e. Hodgson Lane) is a plot of 0.1.16 awarded to John Thompson. It was bought, along with Ancient Enclosure No.33 by John Hastings. By this time two cottages had been built.

1837. o Hastings. Tenants Elizabeth Longbourne and John Garbutt. Built in 1829.

1860. Christopher Suddaby and Charles Ogram. They are now separately owned and tenanted.

South End : School Corner to Lamb Lane

School Corner

The school corner comprises what at the enclosures was a plot of 0.1.20 at the junction of Pilmar Road and Main Street. It was awarded to Robert Coltman who died in 1798. He owned ancient enclosure No.36 across the road (i.e. on Main Street). He was then awarded with the above a portion in the NW corner of the 4.0.12 awarded to Mary Harrison, who owned No.41.

When the corner plot was sold is not known but it was one of the several properties owned by the Waltons in the 1830s. The 1837 assessment gives these details :

	Owner	Tenant
Assessment		
House	Mrs Walton	Ed. Walker £5
House & land, 20 pers	Ed. Walton	S.Woodhouse £4
House	"	R.Jackson £1.15
House	"	J.Foyston £2.10
House & land, 1 acre	"	A.Barnard £4.10
Land	Mrs Walton	" £4.12
Land, 0.1.0, Pilmar Lane	"	T.Eshelby

1838. The Rate Book does not mention the schoolroom but there were three others (*houses?*) on the site and occupied by R.Jackson, J.Foyston and Ambrose Barnett, who also rented an acre of land.

1841. According to the Rate Book, early in the year the owner was C.N.Walton and the tenants were Stavely, Jackson, Dent and W.Marshall. Later in the year the owner was Rev. C.Sykes, Rector.

1844. On the site were four houses occupied by Miss Longbourne, Jackson, Dent and Marshall and the boys' and infants' schoolrooms. In the latter part of that year only the school buildings and house were left. Dent had gone into one of Eshelby's cottages in Pilmar Lane next to the school and Marshall into one of Wright's cottages at the back of the village. Another room was added to the school in 1872.

1867. By deed 2,552 square yards became school property and one acre was sold to a curate who built the present house there (*now the Old School House?*).

1915. The Institute was built between house and school.

1966. The schoolhouse was sold.

Previous owners had also sold part of the original to Eshelby, who built two blocks of cottages, a three and a two (*presumably those still on Pilmar Lane*).

Paddock south of Roseneath

(Now occupied by The Willows and South Park.)

The paddock is a part of the 29 acres and 2 roods awarded to William Tenny at the enclosures. This 5 acres 2 roods facing South End Lane was sold off before 1837, when the owner was Mrs Walton and the tenant Thomas Collinson. Mrs Walton had been the owner and ratepayer since 1829 and for two years before that Edward Walton.

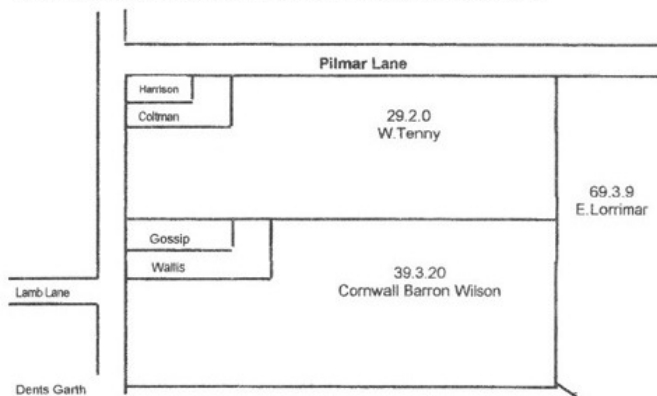
In 1858 and 1860 the owner-occupier was T.Dennison and in 1870 his tenant was William Reed. During Reed's tenancy the owner became the Rev. T.Lewthwaite. In the 1880s the tenant was Wilkin Medforth.

By 1906 the owner was Mt. (sic) Bayldon and the tenant W.H.Johnson. These continued until the 1st World War. During the war a retired farmer, Alfred Newton, bought the field along with Roseneath and used it himself until the late 1950s when Len Nettleton bought both.

There are now two buildings on the land. The first was built by Alf Newton for his sister when he got married. It is a very small bungalow, owned and occupied since 1957 by Mrs Simpson, formerly of Glebe Farm, Hilston. A very modern bungalow (*now called The Willows*) has been built for Mr & Mrs Len Nettleton at the NW corner of this paddock.

Pilmar Lane – South side

Let us now look at the map showing William Tenny's award at the enclosures : 29 acres, two roods.



(The diagram is a rough approximation : not to scale.)

We have just dealt with the 5 acres 2 roods bought by Nettleton. That leaves leaving 24 acres more on the south of Pilmar Lane. At present it all belongs to Eastfield Farm but over the years parts have been sold off and re-sold.

After the 1st World War four acres was already part of Eastfield Farm but not always so.

In a deed dated 1802 Thomas Dun (sic) of Cedar House owned land within this 24 acres. His boundary shows others who were owners of bits of it : William Dunn, Thomas Wilkinson and James Clarke. William Iveson and Edward Wallis owned a further 2.0.6, bounded on the north by Pilmar Lane, on the east by James Clarke, on the south by T.Dunn and on the west by the next plot, 0.2.31, part of a 2.0.6.

In the 1870s Freddie Webster owned a lot and before him a George Patrick owned some.

Woodhouse had bought the west 4 acres and he also owned the east plot on which a small estate of bungalows are being built by the local authority, some of them for old people.

At the eastern end of the lane Edward Lorrimar, one of the commissioners, was awarded out of the commons a plot of 65.1.32. (This area does not tally with that on the map.) It adjoined his land in Tunstall, also the ancient enclosure of Matthew Johnson.

Since then until recent years it has been farmed from Tunstall. In its latter time it was owned by Manor Farm (i.e. Manor Farm, Tunstall?).

The land has been sold to a Rimswell farmer, L.Tuton.

Dent's Garth

South of William Tenny is a plot of 39 acres, 3 roods, 20 perches awarded to Cornwall Barron Wilson and known for many years as Dent's Garth. (C.B.Wilson also owned plots 62, 64, and 65.)

The first recorded tenant of Dent's Garth was Robert Wright in 1785. There followed Richard Webster in 1807, Thomas Dent in 1816 the parson in 1824.

In 1837 the parson is recorded as still owning Dent's Garth and possibly the land as well. There were at that time two cottages at the garth, tenanted by Samuel Woodhouse and Ann Tennyson.

Fifty years later the land was bought by Morris Metcalf. At his death J.M.Kirkwood bought it from William's widow.

Outlands and Elm Garth

(I supplied the modern names. L.H.)

The remaining awards on that map were granted as follows :

To Robert Gossip 1 acre, 20 perches, in lieu of former copyrights and interests and also rights of William Dunn (No.55) and Ann Baxter (No.54) purchased since the staking out.

To Eliza Wallis 2.1.4.

These two plots were soon purchased by Marmaduke Wilkinson, whose name appears on the 1797 assessment. He built a double-fronted house facing west. Another was added in 1811.

He was followed by John Wilkinson. This family (who were builders, carpenters and brick-makers) continued as owners and occupiers. A third house, unoccupied, had been added by 1860. In 1866 the tenant was Thos. Tindall Smith. In 1870 Wilkinson had the first one and Thos. Foster the second and third.

By 1906 the owner and occupier of two houses was Thomas Foster. He had married into the family (*the Wilkinsons?*) and his widow – a blind lady – continued till her death soon after the 1st World War.

It was then occupied by Herbert Smith who sold it later to Mr Daulton. Daulton refurbished one part and remodelled and added another. This was after the 2nd World War.

The next owner-occupier was a Mr Nicholson who sold the paddocks to a speculator and the house (*Outlands*) to the present owner Mr Pearson. As I write this, in the summer of 1967, building has begun in the paddocks (*Now Elm Garth.*)

Eastfield House

According to the late Peter Smales this was the original farmhouse.

When Doctor Woodhouse inherited the property of his uncle, Samuel Woodhouse, he took over the house, the land to the west of it up to the chapel and the old cricket field across the road. He extended the house by adding a dining room, kitchen and bedrooms above. He then used the house as a summer residence.

A part of the farm buildings was adapted to make a house for the farm tenants. This poor sort of dwelling has not been used as a dwelling since the death of Miss Mary Smales, the surviving sister of the two brothers, C. & J. Smales.

The Old Cricket Field

The Cricket Field occupied what was left of the corner after the school, the master's house and garden, the curate's house and the Eshelby cottages had been built.

In 1837 it was tenanted by J. Johnson and in 1860 by Christopher Suddaby, late Branton.

The land was eventually bought by Eastfield. It was later bought from the Morton-Stewarts at Eastfield House by Holderness Rural District Council.

In 1967 twenty Old Persons' Bungalows are being built there, with a Warden's House, a number of garage sites and eighteen two-bedroom bungalows.

East Field

(There is some repetition here of earlier material.)

Development began by establishing Eastfield Farm on its northern side.

Early in the 19th century - following the Enclosures - a boys' school was erected facing the lane.

Eshelby's Cottages - along the north side of the *(the plot)* south of the lane. Site bought prior to the 1837 book. There were five cottages there by 1858.

The first block of three with a common backyard and no gardens were inhabited by John Foyston, a butcher, Thomas Dixon and John Eshelby, who had given up his joiner's business.

In 1870 J. Ogram had come in for Foyston. Four years later the owner changed to Hannah Atkinson and Morris Metcalf had taken Eshelby's, later to become the owner of Cedar House.

In 1906 the tenants were S. Thompson, Joe Metcalf and Henry Wright under an owner called Wilkinson. The following year R. Stabler came in for Joe Metcalf, who had bought West Lea. In 1908 Mrs Acey replaced Stabler - school cleaner - and Herbert Metcalf in 1909 replaced Henry Wright. Other changes followed.

The other two cottages are double-fronted with a front door and a shop door for they were built for cordwainers. The shop window was large and slightly bowed. These two were later owned by Dr Woodhouse - now by the occupiers.

Council Houses

These houses on the opposite side form a little estate. Six were built in 1946 and six more in 1949.

Methodist Chapel

The chapel was erected in 1867 and a schoolroom later added at the rear.

The School

Another room was added to the Day School in 1872.

The Freedom of Information Act 2002

For years many groups - especially those concerned with civil liberties - have campaigned for legislation to compel public bodies to be more open and less secretive.

The Freedom of Information Act 2002 was finally passed, though not without compromises and diluted principles. We now have an Information Commissioner - a lady - whose job it is to implement the Act.

She requires all public bodies to submit schemes for publishing information for which citizens may reasonably ask. For local government - including parish councils - the submission deadline is 31st December 2002.

In October Roos Parish Council faced the daunting task of designing a scheme capable of satisfying legalistic criteria set out in over 20 pages of small print. There was only one copy among the nine councillors.

By November the Clerk had obtained and circulated additional copies in advance. In addition, advice in the form of model schemes had come from the Local Councils Association and from the East Riding. (The consequence was that members were faced with even more print to digest.)

In some desperation they turned to the model schemes. In the event they chose the simplest one. The format was duly completed, signed by the Chairman and sent off to the Information Commissioner.

At the December meeting it was pointed out that at least one more obligation had to be fulfilled: the public must be informed of the Parish Council's scheme and how to make use of it. Hence this article.

A copy of the scheme (for which a charge may be made) can be obtained from the Parish Clerk:

Mrs Sandra Hardy,
1 Church Farm Cottages,
Garton, HU11 4QE. Phone: 01964 - 527669.

The Parish Council's scheme will be evaluated by the Information Commissioner. If she finds it wanting, she has power to reject it.

In any case, councils are required not only to adopt a scheme but also to review it and revise it periodically. The job isn't finished yet.

In my opinion, the Roos scheme is too sketchy. It promises little and lacks specifics. It would probably not satisfy a legitimate enquirer keen to get at the facts.

My fellow councillors will almost certainly disagree since the scheme may be enough to satisfy the Commissioner.

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